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News

Cal Poly, Department of Defense to Collaborate on Development of Sophisticated Distribution Systems

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker and Gen. Duncan McNabb, commander of U.S. Transportation Command, are among the dignitaries who will attend a Dec. 1 ceremony at Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis to mark the opening of a new collaborative research center sponsored by the university under a research agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Knowledge Management Laboratory (KML) Center, a nonprofit, hands-on lab outside Scott Air Force Base, opened in September. At the lab, Cal Poly students and faculty, representatives of information technology companies, and government researchers will work on ideas to streamline and improve the process of delivering equipment and supplies to U.S. military around the world (which is done through U.S. Transportation Command, or USTRANSCOM). The KML Center is the latest step in a relationship between Cal Poly's Collaborative Agent Design Research Center (CADRC) and USTRANSCOM that dates to just after Operation Desert Storm.

[More on the Dec. 1 ceremony at Scott Air Force Base and the Cal Poly agreement with the Department of Defense.](#)



Graduation Rates Reach All-Time High

Cal Poly's graduation rates increased to an all-time high with the graduating class of the spring of 2009, according to Provost Bob Koob. Of the 3,011 Cal Poly students who enrolled in 2003, 74 percent graduated in six years, an all-time high for Cal Poly and the best graduation rate in the California State University system. And of the 3,575 students who enrolled in 2005, more than 30 percent graduated in four years, which is up from a 15 percent four-year graduation rate 10 years ago.

[Read more about Cal Poly's Graduation and Retention Rates](#)

Professors Test Remote 'Drone' Submarine in Avila

Cal Poly professors launched and trained on the use of the REMUS 600 unmanned underwater vehicle Nov. 10 in Avila Beach. Cal Poly is the first academic institution in the U.S. to receive a REMUS 600, which will greatly enhance the university's ability to do oceanic research for the U.S. Department of Defense. The REMUS 600 deployed off the Cal Poly Pier will have a range suitable to travel to San Francisco Bay or San Diego Bay or return trips to and from Monterey Bay or the Santa Barbara Channel. Cal Poly's learn-by-doing education has included undergraduates in the Unmanned Underwater Vehicle program since 2001. More than 20 students have participated so far.

[More on the REMUS Launch](#)

There will not be a Nov. 25 issue of Cal Poly Report

Cal Poly Report will resume Dec. 2. Please submit your items for the Dec. 2 issue by 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30.

Faculty and Staff

Barbara Andre to Retire

After 38 years of service to the university, Barbara Andre is retiring from her position as associate director of International Education and Programs, International Students and Scholars. International Education and Programs invites the campus community to a retirement reception in her honor Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni House. Please join us in wishing Barbara well in her new adventures. For more information, contact Susan Tripp at ext. 67535.

[Read more about Andre's career](#)



Save the date: Service Awards Luncheon Set for March 4

State, Corporation, and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2009 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 4, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The theme for this year's event will be "Cal Poly Through the Years – Appreciating the Past." In keeping with the theme, we are looking back a decade - to 2000 Millennium prices - and offering tickets for \$10. Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 1. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of the Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

Meat Science Professor Featured in Industry Trade Magazine

Meat Science Professor, Bob Delmore, was recently featured in the October issue of MeatingPlace magazine. Delmore was recognized as and "up-and-coming industry leader to watch over the next 20 years," according to the publication.

Did You Know? Cal Poly Arts Discounts

Did you know Cal Poly Arts is providing a 20 percent discount for faculty and staff on all performance tickets? Employees receive the discount when ordering tickets online. Just indicate faculty/staff in the pull-down menu when ordering online.

Campus Announcements

Creamery's Annual Holiday Cheese Sale Under Way

The historic Cal Poly Creamery is once again offering gift packs of its student-made cheeses for the holidays. The seven varieties for sale are Gouda, Smoked Gouda, Mustang Cheddar, Smoked Cheddar, Chipotle Jack, San Luis Lace and reduced-fat Lace. The Gouda and San Luis Lace are award-winning cheeses. All are available for order through Dec. 12 at www.calpolycheese.com.

[Read more about the cheese sale](#)

'Tis the Season for Cal Poly Eggnog

For the first time in nearly 20 years, Cal Poly is producing eggnog for the holiday season. The university will sell the sweet treat at all local Spencer's Markets and at Campus Market. Dairy Science Department Head Bruce Golden

said the Cal Poly Creamery is trying to increase it's overall dairy sales by offering new consumer products. "We're looking at creative ways to utilize and capitalize on milk produced by our dairy herd."

[Read more about Cal Poly Holiday Eggnog](#)

Community Counseling Clinic Now Available

The Cal Poly Community Counseling Clinic offers short-term counseling and consultation to San Luis Obispo County residents who do not qualify for County Mental Health Services or who cannot afford private psychotherapy. Counseling is available to children, youth, families, individuals and couples. This counseling service is staffed by well-educated and trained graduate students in the Master of Science Psychology Program under the supervision of clinically licensed psychologists in the Psychology and Child Development Department.

Counseling is provided as a service to the community for a modest fee based on a sliding scale that ranges from \$3 to \$15 per session. No one is denied services on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability or ability to pay for counseling services. For more information, call ext. 6-1532. A clinic staff member will return your call within 24 hours.



Too Many Holiday Parties and No Time to Cook?

This year, pick up a pie, a hot entree or an entire holiday meal from Village Market! We have all your holiday favorites, such as savory cornbread stuffing, roasted sweet potatoes, fresh baked dinner rolls, and 12 different pies! The prepared holiday meals come with a large roasted turkey, three side dishes of your choice, assorted dinner rolls and pan turkey gravy. Everything is packaged nicely and ready for delivery or pick up. Place your orders at least three days in advance at www.calpolycorporation.org/holidays, stop by Village Market (located in Poly Canyon Village) or call ext. 6-1959.

International Education Week

International Education and Programs (IEP) will celebrate the ninth annual International Education Week by collaborating with other departments and programs on campus to heighten international awareness. A schedule of IE Week events on campus can be found on the [IEP Web site](#). International Education Week runs Nov. 16 – 20 and celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. More information can be found at <http://iew.state.gov/>.



Curbside Grill Stop Schedule for week of Nov. 16

Curbside Grill, the newest restaurant on campus, is rolling out to various locations near you! Follow Curbside on Twitter at www.twitter.com/polydeals to receive location updates.

This Week's Schedule:

Breakfast: Monday-Thursday 7:30-9 a.m. at California Boulevard and North Stadium

Lunch: Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. near the Frank E. Pilling Building and the Graphic Arts Building

Dinner: Monday - Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the H2 parking lot

Late Night: Monday-Thursday 9:30-11:30 p.m. in Poly Canyon Village, near the pool area



Kennedy Library Accepting Requests for Winter Quarter Course Reserves

The Kennedy Library is accepting requests for winter quarter course reserves, including electronic course reserves for Blackboard. Faculty with five or fewer items to place on reserve can complete the submission form at <http://lib.calpoly.edu/services/coursereserves/submissionform.html>. Or, faculty with any number of items can send a list to reserves@lib.calpoly.edu. To learn more about course reserves, visit <http://lib.calpoly.edu/services/coursereserves/> or contact Karen Beaton, the Course Reserves coordinator, at kbeaton@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2535.



Final Day of 'The Vagina Monologues' Auditions

Student Life and Leadership will host final auditions for "The Vagina Monologues" today from 3 to 5 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. "The Vagina Monologues" is made up of a varying number of monologues read by diverse women. Every monologue somehow relates to women. The recurring theme of the piece is the vagina as a tool of female empowerment and the ultimate embodiment of individuality. For more information about the auditions, contact Christina Kaviani at womensprogram@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2600. Visit, <http://studentlife.calpoly.edu/womensprograms/vagmon.asp> for more information.

Library Information Session on e-Submission of Senior Projects is Nov. 18

The campus community is invited to attend an upcoming library information session on electronic senior projects Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. in Kennedy Library, Room 202. The information session is designed to answer questions from faculty, staff and students. For more information visit <http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/events/seniorprojects/>.



Geographic Information Systems Day Happens Thursday

GIS Day 2009 is set for 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 on the third floor of the Kennedy Library. GIS Day is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, private industry and the community to come together and learn about Geographic Information Systems. The event features exhibits, networking opportunities for students and employers, presentations on exciting uses for GIS technology, and more. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call ext. 6-2690 or visit <http://lib.calpoly.edu/collections/gis/gisday/>.



CPHC Board Meeting Set for Nov. 20

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20 in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning Nov. 13. For more information, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director, Cal Poly Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award Deadline is Dec. 4

Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Dec. 4. Any student or alum may submit one or more nominations on the nomination Web site, www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/dta.html. The nomination period began Monday, Oct. 26, and ends Friday, Dec. 4. Nominations should include the professor's name and department and a supporting statement containing evidence of merit based upon the nomination criteria listed for this year's award.

Events

Theatre Department Presents 'Zero to Infinity' This Month

The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department presents "Zero to Infinity" at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre Nov. 17-19. The plot? Maxie convinces Zero to campaign for leader of their country. They embark on a whirlwind of fundraising, cover-ups, debates and scams. Inspector Oodles and his assistant assume disguises to discover their true identities.

[More on 'Zero to Infinity'](#)



Native American Music, Dance Showcased Nov. 18

Cal Poly Arts presents "The Nammys On Tour" on Nov. 18. This showcase of artistic expression pays homage to the rich legacy of Native American culture. The celebration features Native American Music Association's (NAMMY) Lifetime Achievement Award winners singer/ songwriter Joanne Shenandoah and flutist R. Carlos Nakai. With special guests, the Yellowbird Dancers.

[More on the NAMMY Tour](#)

Expert on Middle East Women to Give Talk Nov. 19

Ghada Talhami, expert on Middle East women, will give a lecture on Arab and Islamic feminist struggles and the multiple challenges faced by women's activists in Egypt, Palestine, the Persian Gulf and Iran. The talk is set for 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 in UU 220. Talhami is the inaugural Susan Currier Visiting Professor for Teaching Excellence. The free and open public event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the Women and Gender Studies Department. For more information contact the Women's and Gender Studies Department at ext. 6-1525 or visit: http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/lecture_series.html.

Bandfest Concert Set for Nov. 21

The Music Department will host Bandfest at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, in the Performing Arts Center. Titled "A Whirlwind of Color and Sound," the concert will feature the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and the "Pride of the Pacific" Mustang Marching Band (more than 200 musicians!) in an evening of bold and powerful works for both the modern wind band and the traditional stadium marching band. Tickets are \$8-\$19 and can be purchased at the PAC box office or by calling ext. 6-2787.

Cal Poly's 'Take It SLO' Presents an A Cappella Holiday Concert Dec. 2

Take It SLO will present its first Holiday Concert at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus. The 15-member vocal ensemble will perform a variety of songs to raise the holiday spirit, plus some new works and old favorites, all arranged by the students themselves. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door the evening of the concert. For more information, visit <http://music.calpoly.edu/calendar/>.

Job Vacancies

#101979 – Administrative Support Coordinator I, Orfalea College of Business, Information and Support Services Center, \$2,808-\$4,212/month. Closes: Nov. 30.

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